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INTEREST IN SPEAKERS TO DISCUSS NEW US ADMINISTRATION

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1. IN RECENT TALK WITH NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) SECRETARIAT STAFFER PETTIGREW ON PROPOSED MAY 27 POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION ON THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION, HE SEEMED TO HAVE COOLED TO THE IDEA OF PROCEEDING SOON. PETTIGREW REMARKED THAT IT MAY BE SOMEWHAT EARLY TO DISCUSS THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION IN THE NAA POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT EMERGING US VIEWS ARE STIMULATING INTEREST IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY ON DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID HE HAD DEVELOPED THE PROPOSED THEME OF THE MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHEL BOSCHER (FRANCE) BEFORE HE ORIGINALLY CONTACTED US ON APRIL 15; HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD REFLECT FURTHER ON THE PROPOSED DISCUSSION AND GET BACK TO US ON APRIL 29.

2. PETTIGREW ALSO SAID HE HAS LEARNED THAT PIERRE HASSNER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MAY MEETING (REF A), AND NAA
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HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SPEAKER TO PRESENT THE EUROPEAN VIEW BUT HE ASKED WHETHER WASHINGTON MIGHT PROVIDE A CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT THE US VIEWPOINT. WE TOLD HIM THAT FOR THE PRESENT WASHINGTON WAS RESERVING JUDGMENT ON THIS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PETTIGREW SEEMED LESS ENTHUSIASTIC CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NAA POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION ON THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION, WE ARE NOT SURE OF HIS

ABILITY TO DISSUADE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOSCHER. IF THE
DEPARTMENT WISHES TO DISCOURAGE NAA DISCUSSION WITH A
PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE US ADMINISTRATION, WE BELIEVE
THE BEST APPROACH WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE PETTIGREW TO
CONSIDER BROADENING THE TOPIC TO INCLUDE EVOLVING
ALLIED VIEWS ON EAST-WEST ISSUES. STREATOR

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